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Lava Beds National Monument Invites You to a Day of Fun for Kids of All Ages on Saturday, July 18th

Tulelake, CA – Kids of all ages are invited to become Junior Rangers on Saturday, July 18. Bring the family for a day full of activities that are designed for those with a curious mind.

The goal of the Junior Ranger program is to introduce children to the natural and cultural wonders all around them and to help them understand their role in preserving these wonders for the future. As they learn about Lava Beds National Monument and have fun, Junior Rangers become stewardship representatives to their friends, families, and schoolmates. Junior Rangers will be prepared to spread their new knowledge about parks and continue to use good environmental practices.

The quest to learn about the history, wildlife, and geology of Lava Beds National Monument begins at the visitor center at 9:30 am and will run until 4:00 pm. Junior Rangers will develop both creative and survival skills as they participate in a variety of interactive, ranger-led activities, including fashioning rope from native plants, learning about microbes and viscosity, exploring the night sky, witnessing volcanic eruptions, painting with watercolors, and taking photos at the family photo booth. Children will also have the opportunity to create unique flowers from pipe cleaners as they learn the story of the Japanese Americans who were incarcerated at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

The adventure activities will conclude at 4:00 pm. At 7:00 pm there will be an evening program at the amphitheater where participants will test their knowledge of protecting the Lava Beds' ecosystem. New Junior Rangers will be honored with a recognition ceremony.

Those unable to attend this special day can achieve Junior Ranger recognition throughout the year by completing an interactive booklet (available at the visitor center) that guides children through various activities designed to enhance their experience at Lava Beds National Monument.

For additional details please contact the Lava Beds Visitor Center at 530-667-8113.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8110, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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